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- 1. FOLLOWING IS APPROVED TEXT OF REMARKS TO BE DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR UPON PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.
- 2. QUOTE: IT IS A HIGH HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE BY WHICH PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD HAS APPOINTED ME AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA. IT IS ALSO MY DUTY TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR. THE HONORABLE TERENCE A. TODMAN.
- 3. MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE HONOR OF MEETING YOU. FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS YOUR NAME HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE MOVEMENT FOR AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE AND WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW FORM OF AFRICAN SOCIALISM. SHORTLY AFTER YOUR COUNTRY GAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE, MY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRY BEGAN A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH YOURS. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

ITHIN THEIR MEANS, HAVE ALWAYS ATTEMPTED TO RESPOND TO YOUR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. THE NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED

ON MAY 8 TO FURNISH RICE, WHEAT FLOUR AND OIL UNDER OUR PL-480 PROGRAM IS THE LATEST EXAMPLE. OUR NATIONS ARE NOW DISCUSSING OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT AND TO HELP INCREASE GUINEA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

- 4. MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE NOTED THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS THAT YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GUINEA PLACE ON AGRICULTURE. AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS WHO HAVE VISITED GUINEA IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF YOUR COUNTRY AND BY YOUR DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP THIS POTENTIAL. THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO HELP AS MUCH AS IT CAN. GUINEA CAN AND SHOULD BECOME A MAJOR FOOD SUPPLIER FOR LESSER ENDOWED REGIONS OF AFRICA.
- 5. COOPERATION BETWEEN GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES EXTENDS AS WELL TO THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR. GUINEA POSSESS-ES RICH MINERAL RESOURCES; AMERICAN PRIVATE INDUSTRY POSSESSES THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE CAPITAL TO HELP YOU DEVELOP THESE RESOURCES. SUCH DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTS COOPERATION IN ITS TRUEST SENSE, FOR THE COMMON BENEFIT OF BOTH PARTIES. I THINK YOU HAVE FOUND AMERICAN INDUSTRY TO BE A GOOD AND VALUABLE PARTNER. WITH GOODWILL AND A SPIRIT OF FRANKNESS ON BOTH SIDES, THIS COOPERATION CAN CONTINUE TO GROW.
- 6. OUR NATIONS ARE BOTH FORMER COLONIES WHO HAVE WON THEIR INDEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH OUR TWO NATIONS ARE EVOLVING WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS, OUR GOALS ARE IDENTICAL: THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF OUR PEOPLES IN A DECENT, PEACEFUL WORLD. IT WILL BE MY CONSTANT EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA, AND TO EXPLAIN YOUR OWN EFFORTS, PHILOSOPHY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO MY GOVERNMENT AND MY PEOPLE.

7. MR. PRESIDENT, OUR TWO INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT ALWAYS AGREE, NOR WOULD IT BE NATURAL IF WE DID. HOWEVER, I HOPE THAT WHEN YOU AND I DO DISAGREE WE CAN DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES WITH CANDOR, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING. LET US EMPHASIZE THOSE VALUES AND AIMS WE HOLD

IN COMMON. YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR REVOLUTION; WE ARE PROUD OF OURS, WHICH REMAINS VIGOROUS TODAY AFTER TWO HUNDRED YEARS. YOU ARE JEALOUS OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE, AND SO ARE WE. WE AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF

OTHER NATIONS AND PEOPLES. WE BOTH ARE DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE REMAINING PEOPLES ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT WHO DO NOT YET CONTROL THEIR OWN FATE.

- 8. MR. PRESIDENT, AS I ASSUME MY NEW DUTIES, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE NOW GOOD. I PLEDGE TO YOU MY BEST EFFORT TO BUILD ON THIS SOLID FOUNDATION.
- 9. MR. PRESIDENT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE AND YOUR WISDOM WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP A FIRM RELATIONSHIP OF RESPECT AND OF PROGRESS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE.
- 10. FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL FRENCH TEXT. QUOTE. C'EST POUR MOI UN GRAND HONNEUR QUE DE PRESENTER A VOTRE EXCELLENCE LES LETTRES DE CREANCE PAR LESQUELLES LE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD M'A NOMME AMBASSADEUR EXTRAORDINAIRE ET PLENIPOTENTIAIRE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE PRES LA REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE. J'AI EGALEMENT POUR MISSION DE VOUS PRESENTER LA LETTRE DE RAPPEL DE MON DISTINGUE PREDECESSEUR, L'HONORABLE TERENCE A. TODMAN.
- 11. MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, J'AI ENVISAGE AVEC GRAND PLAISIR L'HONNEUR DE VOUS RENCONTRER. DEPUIS PLUS DE VINGT ANS, VOTRE NOM EST ASSOCIE AU MOUVEMENT POUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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L'INDEPENDANCE AFRICAINE ET A L'INTRODUCTION D'UNE
NOUVELLE FORME DE SOCIALISME AFRICAIN. PEU APRES
L'ACCESSION DE VOTRE PAYS A L'INDEPENDANCE, MON PAYS A
ENTAME UN PROGRAMME DE COOPERATION AVEC LE VOTRE. LE
GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE ONT
TOUJOURS, DANS LA LIMITE DE LEURS MOYENS, ETE SENSIBLES
A VOS DEMANDES D'ASSISTANCE. LE NOUVEL ACCORD SIGNE LE
8 MAI POUR VOUS FOURNIR DU RIZ, DE LA FARINE DE BLE ET
DE L'HUILE AU TITRE DE NOTRE PROGRAMME PL 480 EN EST LE
PLUS RECENT EXEMPLE. NOS DEUX PAYS PROCEDENT ACTUELLEMENT
A LA DISCUSSION D'AUTRES FORMES D'ASSISTANCE ET DE
COOPERATION EN VUE D'AIDER LA REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE A
SURMONTER LES EFFETS DE LA SECHERESSE ET DE CONTRIBUER
A L'ACCROISSEMENT DE LA PRODUCTION AGRICOLE GUINEENNE.

12. MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, J'AI NOTE L'IMPORTANCE
PRIMORDIALE QUE, AINSI QUE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PARTI
DEMOCRATIQUE DE GUINEE, VOUS ATTACHEZ A L'AGRICULTURE.
LES EXPERTS AGRICOLES AMERICAINS QUI ONT VISITE LA GUINEE
AU COURS DE CES DERNIERS MOIS ONT ETE IMPRESSIONNES PAR
LE VASTE POTENTIEL DE VOTRE PAYS ET PAR VOTRE DETER-

MINATION A DEVELOPPER CE POTENTIEL. LES ETATS-UNIS SONT DISPOSES A AIDER DANS CET EFFORT AUTANT QUE POSSIBLE. LA GUINEE PEUT ET DEVRAIT DEVENIR UN GRAND FOURNISSEUR ALIMENTAIRE POUR LES REGIONS MOINS BIEN DOTEES DE L'AFRIQUE.

13. LA COOPERATION ENTRE LA GUINEE ET LES ETATS-UNIS S'ETEND EGALEMENT AU SECTEUR INDUSTRIEL. LA GUINEE POSSEDE DE RICHES RESSOURCES MINERALES; L'INDUSTRIE PRIVEE AMERICAINE EST DOTEE DE LA TECHNOLOGIE ET DES CAPITAUX NECESSAIRES POUR VOUS AIDER A METTRE CES RESSOURCES EN VALEUR. CETTE OEUVRE DE DEVELOPPEMENT REPRESENTE LA COOPERATION DANS TOUTE SON ACCEPTION, POUR LE BIEN COMMUN DES DEUX PARTIES CONCERNEES. JE PENSE QUE VOUS AVEZ TROUVE DANS L'INDUSTRIE AMERICAINE UN BON PARTENAIRE, UN PARTENAIRE PRECIEUX. AVEC DE LA BONNE VOLONTE ET UN ESPRIT DE FRANCHISE DE PART ET D'AUTRE, CETTE COOPERATION PEUT CONTINUER A SE DEVELOPPER.

14. NOS PAYS RESPECTIFS SONT TOUS DEUX D'ANCIENNES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLONIES PARVENUES A L'INDEPENDANCE. BIEN QUE NOS DEUX NATIONS EVOLUENT DANS LE CADRE DE REGIMES SOCIAUX, ECONOMIQUES ET POLITIQUES DIFFERENTS, NOS BUTS SONT IDENTIQUES: LE BONHEUR ET LA PROSPERITE DE NOS PEUPLES, DANS UN MONDE OU REGNENT LA PAIX ET LE RESPECT HUMAIN. JE M'EFFORCERAI CONSTAMMENT D'EXPLIQUER L'EXPERIENCE AMERICAINE A VOUS-MEME ET AU PEUPLE GUINEEN, ET D'EXPLIQUER VOS PROPRES EFFORTS, VOTRE PHILOSOPHIE ET VOS ACCOMPLISSEMENTS AU GOUVERNEMENT ET AU PEUPLE DE MON PAYS.

15. MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, NOS DEUX GOUVERNEMENTS INDEPENDANTS NE SERONT PAS TOUJOURS D'ACCORD ET IL NE SERAIT GUERE NATUREL QU'ILS LE SOIENT. CEPENDANT, J'ESPERE QUE LORSQUE VOUS ET MOI NE SERONS PAS D'ACCORD, NOUS POURRONS DISCUTER DE NOS DIVERGENCES AVEC FRANCHISE ET DANS UN CLIMAT DE RESPECT ET DE COMPREHENSION MUTUELS. METTONS EN RELIEF LES VALEURS ET LES OBJECTIFS QUE NOUS PARTAGEONS. VOUS ETES FIERS DE VOTRE REVOLUTION; NOUS SOMMES FIERS DE LA NOTRE, QUI CONSERVE ENCORE AUJOURD'HUI

SA VIGUEUR, APRES DEUX CENTS ANS. VOUS ETES JALOUX DE VOTRE INDEPENDANCE, COMME NOUS LE SOMMES DE LA NOTRE. NOUS NOUS ACCORDONS SUR L'IMPORTANCE DE LA NON-INGERENCE DANS LES AFFAIRS INTERIEURES ET SUR LE RESPECT MUTUEL DE LA DIGNITE DES AUTRES PAYS ET DES AUTRES PEUPLES. NOUS SOMMES FIDELES, L'UN ET L'AUTRE, AU PRINCIPE DE L'AUTO-DETERMINATION, PARTICULIEREMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES PEUPLES DU CONTINENT AFRICAIN QUI NE SONT PAS ENCORE

MAITRES DE LEUR PROPRE DESTINEE.

16. MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, ALORS QUE J'ENTRE DANS MES NOUVELLES FONCTIONS, J'AI LE SENTIMENT QUE LES RELATIONS SONT A PRESENT BONNES ENTRE LA REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE ET LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE. JE PRENDS L'ENGAGEMENT A VOTRE EGARD DE FAIRE TOUS MES EFFORTS POUR BATIR SUR CES FONDATIONS SOLIDES.

17. MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, JE SUIS CERTAIN QU'AVEC VOTRE AIDE ET VOTRE SAGACITE NOUS CONTINUERONS A EDIFIER UN FERME LIEN DE RESPECT ET DE PROGRES ENTRE LA REPUBLIQUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DE GUINEE ET LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE. JE VOUS REMERCIE MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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